THE CLAIMS

All the pending claims have been reproduced below, and are indicated to be either amended, unchanged, canceled, or new:

Please amend claims 1 - 4, 6 - 8, 11, and 12, as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for automatically associating contextual input data with available multimedia resources, comprising:

a contextual input device for capturing the contextual input data;

an assistant device for processing the contextual input data captured by the contextual input device, and for formulating a query based on processed contextual input data; and

a contextual multimedia association module for associating the processed contextual input data with the multimedia resources and for generating association matches.

2. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the assistant device automatically formulates the query.

3. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the assistant device automatically formulates the query based on a contextual input from a user.

4. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the assistant device automatically formulates the query based on a user profile.

5. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 1, wherein the contextual input device digitizes the contextual input data.

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6. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the assistant device presents the association matches to a user.

7. (Amended) The system according to claim 6, wherein the assistant device develops a digital profile for a user based-on association matches which were previously presented to the user.

8. (Amended) The system according to claim 7, wherein the assistant device updates the user digital profile based on recent association matches.

9. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 1, wherein the contextual multimedia association applies the query to a data store on a network.

10. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 1, wherein the network includes the World Wide Web.

11. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the contextual input data are based on image signals; and
    wherein the assistant device enhances the quality of the image signals.

12. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the contextual input data are based on audio signals; and
    wherein the assistant device enhances the quality of the audio signals.

13. (Unchanged) A method for automatically associating contextual input data with available multimedia resources, comprising:
    capturing the contextual input data;
    processing the contextual input data and formulating a query based on processed contextual input data; and

associating the processed contextual input data with the multimedia resources and generating association matches.

14. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 13, wherein formulating the query includes automatically formulating the query based on a contextual input from a user.

15. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 13, wherein formulating the query includes automatically formulating the query based on a user profile.

16. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 13, further including presenting the association matches to a user.

17. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 16, further including developing a digital profile for a user based on association matches which were previously presented to the user.

18. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 17, wherein developing the digital profile includes updating the user digital profile based on recent association matches.

19. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 13, wherein associating the processed contextual input data includes applying the query to a data store on a network.

20. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 13, wherein the contextual input data are based on any one or more of image signals or audio signals; and
wherein processing the contextual input data includes enhancing the quality of the any one or more of image signals or audio signals.

Please cancel claims 21 - 38, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 39 - 46, as follows:

--39. (New) A system for automatically associating contextual input data with available multimedia resources, comprising:

means for capturing the contextual input data;

means for processing the contextual input data and formulating a query based on processed contextual input data; and

means for associating the processed contextual input data with the multimedia resources and generating association matches.

40. (New) The system according to claim 39, wherein the means for processing and formulating the query comprises means for automatically formulating the query based on a contextual input from a user.

41. (New) The system according to claim 39, wherein the means for processing and formulating the query comprises means for automatically formulating the query based on a user profile.

42. (New) The system according to claim 39, further comprising means for presenting the association matches to a user.

43. (New) The system according to claim 42, further comprising means for developing a digital profile for a user based on association matches which were previously presented to the user.

44. (New) The system according to claim 43, wherein the means for developing the digital profile comprising means for updating the user digital profile based on recent association matches.

45. (New) The system according to claim 39, wherein the means for associating the processed contextual input data comprises means for applying the query to a data store on a network.

46. (New) The system according to claim 39, wherein the contextual input data are based on any one or more of image signals or audio signals; and

wherein the means for processing the contextual input data comprises means for enhancing the quality of the any one or more of image signals or audio signals.--